

NEW BOOKS ON THE WAR AND MILITARY TRAINING

A Mild Young Tourist's Experiences in Belgium—
The Battles of the Somme.

To Teach Beginners Elements of Military Education
Petrograd Life in War Days.

IN THE CLAWS OF THE GERMAN EAGLE. (E. P. Dutton and Co.)
By Albert Rhys Williams.
(\$1.50.)

The experiences of Albert Rhys Williams in Belgium in the first dramatic month or two of the war are told in "In the Claws of the German Eagle" (E. P. Dutton and Co.). The author was a mild young tourist looking for impressions—he is by profession a social worker—when the storm burst. He found himself immediately thrust into the role of war correspondent, and began accumulating impressions at a rate to satisfy the most eager. Throughout his whole experience he seems to have been watched over by that special Providence that guards those who rush in where angels fear to tread.

The book is divided into four parts, each an incident in itself. Mr. Williams relates in considerable detail his experience and his impressions while undergoing imprisonment and surveillance as a suspected spy; he tells of the capture and his impressions while in the field and camp. Originally the "Military Primer" was designed for the use of the cadets of the Military Academy, but in its present form it is intended in addition to meet the demands of the officers of the National Guard and members of the different training schools.

THE CONFESSIONS OF A LITTLE MAN DURING GREAT DAYS.

(Alfred A. Knopf.) By Leontid Andreyev. (\$1.35.)

Much has been written and more has been told of the early reactions of the people of London and Paris to the facts of the war. Of the reactions of the Russians to the first days of the war, of the impressions on the people of the early victories and the subsequent defeats, not so much has been told. "The Confessions of a Little Man During Great Days" (Alfred A. Knopf) purports to be the private diary of a clerk in Petrograd during the first seventeen months of the war. It portrays the detached attitude of a self-centred man in the early days, the coming and going of sudden panics, the uprush of his emotion to victory and to defeat, and the final release of his soul from the bondage of individualism. The book is not especially interesting, though there are many absorbing pages devoted to the efforts of the "Little Man" to analyze his soul and to flog it into the emotional crisis which he sees around him. The translation from the Russian of Leontid Andreyev is by R. S. Townsend.

NEATH VERDUN.

(Frederick A. Stokes Company.) By Maurice Genovese.

A graduate student at the Sorbonne, Maurice Genovese, called upon to do his duty as a lieutenant in the French army, relates his experiences during the first months of the war in "Neath Verdon" (Frederick A. Stokes Company), which H. Grant Richards has translated handsomely. It is in the form of a pretty full diary, relating events and impressions day by day in a spirited manner. He shared in the retreat on Paris, in the march back to the trenches before Verdun. The veterans have slashed the volume severely. (\$1.60.)

THE BATTLES OF THE SOMME.
(William Heinemann.) By Phillip Ip Gibbs. (\$1.50.)

A stirring story of a great battle written on the spot from day to day by a trained journalist is "The Battles of the Somme" (William Heinemann) by Philip Gibbs. The book consists of articles written for English publications while the author was officially accredited correspondent with the British armies in the field. Much of the narrative is obscured by the nearness of the events it describes, and most of it is not a description of battle at all, but of the events many of them trifling, but all illuminating, which occurred within the sight and hearing of a single man. The whole story is one of action, of vivid pictures, of keen warm hearted humorous observation, with curious little high lights like the flares over a battlefield at night.

Many engagements, big and little, are described. All have a certain sameness of action, a set formula of attack, the preliminary bombardment, the advance across "No Man's Land," the rush over the enemy parapets, the bombing of the dugouts, the taking of prisoners. The pictures steadily repeat themselves with a cumulative effect on the reader's mind which, says Mr. Gibbs, "is the effect in a faint far off way of the real truth."

Mr. Gibbs has some interesting things to say of the work and of the routine of the correspondents. He

APARTMENT BUYING FEATURE OF MARKET

Investors and Speculators Take Multi-Family Houses in Various Sections.

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ARCHITECTS ON THE MOVE.

The Douglas Robinson, Charles S. Brown Company has leased the top floor of the new Mehl Building at 4 East of the Forty-third street to Hoppin & Koen, architects for a term of years; entire building in maintenance and transportation, the methods of assembling units and of the equipment and organization of recruits. There are practical instructions on map reading, orientation, the duties of patrols, posts and advanced guards. Special attention is given to field sanitation and to the rules of the Army Medical Corps for the preservation of health and bodily comfort of the soldier in the field and camp. Originally the "Military Primer" was designed for the use of the cadets of the Military Academy, but in its present form it is intended in addition to meet the demands of the officers of the National Guard and members of the different training schools.

UPPER FIFTH AVENUE SALE.
A. H. Levy and B. Harris have sold for the Melton Realty Corporation the northeast corner of Fifth avenue and 113th street, a six story modern apartment on plot 50x100; also the two similar buildings at 4 and 5 West 109th street, east 50x100, and west of Fifth street. The new owner, an investor, was represented in the deal by Fredius & Co. It was a cash transaction, involving about \$300,000.

FLAT BUYERS ACTIVE.
Douglas L. Elliman & Co. have leased for Austin B. Fletcher, executor, 32 West Forty-sixth street, a four story apartment on a lot 50x100, to Mrs. M. A. Kline, who has a lease of the adjoining property at 30 West Forty-sixth street.

Pease & Elliman have leased for a term of years for Mrs. Katherine L. M. Smith to Albert J. Erdman the five story 21 foot American basement dwelling at 54 West Fifty-third street.

SEVENTH STREET—John Peters has sold for Frank Casper to Charles and Emma Pletzsch, 211 East Fortieth street, a six story apartment house on plot 55x88.

COLUMBIA STREET—Cahn & Pittman and I. Hillman have sold for John E. Levy and B. C. Greenberg, 113 Columbia street, on the north side of Tremont avenue through to Watson avenue, facing Castle Hill avenue.

SOUTHERN BOULEVARD—Harry Botman has sold to Philip Rosen 1502 and 1512 South Bedford road, house on plot 40x100. The buyer secured a first mortgage of \$10,000 from A. Apoleky and the seller took back a second mortgage of \$2,100.

MANY SALES IN BROOKLYN.

Walter S. Ross and Charles C. Grieshaber have sold for Thomas Williams a two family house on the north side of Sixty-eighth street 213 feet east of Avenue B to a client for occupancy.

Green Bros., 100-110 Eighth and Eighth street, for Harrison S. C. Belmont, Jr. Storza has sold for Vincent H. Storza, has sold for Vincent

Bajardi the one family cottage on plot 100x100, at the northwest corner of Fourteenth avenue and Seventy-first street.

J. O'Connell, Jr., has sold the detached house at 89 Hawthorne street, lot 52x128, for Ida A. Krueger to a client for occupancy. The property was held at \$12,500.

ACTIVITY NEAR NEW TRANSIT.

Several corner properties were sold in Queens yesterday. G. M. Turner has sold to the Tiverton Corporation a plot 47 by 100 feet on the 107th corner of Franklin and Myrtle, Flushing. H. S. Fletcher has sold to N. H. Hechinger a lot 25 by 125 feet on the southeast corner of Te冒an and Edison street, Corona; the Harman Construction Company has sold to M. Horn the three-story brick block of Myrtle and Franklin, Glendale, and J. Kammerer has sold to V. Scholl the four story store and dwelling on lot 53 by 114 feet on the southwest corner of Fresh Pond road and Linden street, Glendale.

RICHMOND PLOTS SOLD.

Ernest T. Lindemann has sold through Cornelius G. Koff to S. Minogue, Inc., on the east side of Mountain View avenue, Castleton Corners, Staten Island.

Moffatt & Schwab have sold for Thomas M. Dick to Max Ginzburg a plot of five lots on Stanley avenue, New Brighton, S. I., for improvement.

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"It is a remarkable fact that previous to the war the people of America as a whole were ignorant of the geography of the rest of the world. It is a question whether the average American knew the difference between Lisbon and Rachan, nor did he care. But the simple fact of the war, constantly bringing information of the terrible conditions before them, there was a search for knowledge along the lines of the happenings in Europe and Asia. Their own imaginations having free rein in their reading naturally turned toward something more informative and which would be of countenanced affected by the world struggle. Consequently the writers of this class of works have benefited by the war, while the fiction writer has seen his sales decrease."

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"On the stage the American playwright seems to be rapidly forging ahead because of the fact that his English cousin does not seem able to shake off the shackles which bind him to the drawing room comedy. The war has almost cut off the supply of foreign plays, but believe the tendency of the times is to forsake the quiet English comedy and turn to the more varied productions given us by American writers."

The close of the war will bring an enormous demand for fiction. The people have been fed on the war and its

A CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF THE ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA IN RELATION TO ITS EFFECT ON AMERICAN CULTURE. (A. G. Mason for Samuel Rosenblum) has filed plans for alterations to convert it into a one story building.

A DECLARATION OF INTELLECTUAL INDEPENDENCE FOR THOSE WHO ASPIRE TO AN AMERICAN CULTURE. (\$1.25 net)

B. W. HUEBSCH,
225 Fifth Avenue, New York

The Slaying of Fear
A STUDENT IN ARMS
By DONALD HANKEY.

Introduction by J. St. Lee Strachey, Editor of The London Spectator.

March 1, 1917. In an article headed "The Slaying of Fear," says: "A Student in Arms" presents a picture of a special arm of an army of which practically every unit has slain fear. There is no greater need in the moral and spiritual world than this."

BUSINESS SPACE RENTED.

E. L. H. Lewis has leased the eleventh floor at 50 and 22 West Fifteenth street to Estroff & Wolk, and the fourth floor at 16 East Seventeenth street to Ulrich & Wohlmann.

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BUCKS COLD SPRING COTTAGE.

George Howe has sold for Mrs. August P. Wilson her cottage on Main street, Cold Spring, N. Y., to Dr. E. E. Smith of Norwalk, Conn., for occupancy.

SCHOOL TO BUY DWELLING.

Negotiations are understood to be underway for the sale of the three story dwelling at 120 East Sixty-fourth street, Beekman leaseshold, to the Open Air School, of which a Miss Emerson is the head.

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Spiegel & Co. have leased the bazaar store and basement at 144 and 150 West Eighteenth street to the Ideal Restaurant Supply Company; with Rudolf & Whiting, the top loft at 187 to 191 Lafayette street to Boubert & Colby, and the parlor floor at 21 East Twenty-third street to William Howey, 211 Clinton & Dickinson, who leased the store at 248 West Fifty-fifth street to the New Castle Rubber Company.

DETROIT AUTO CO. COMES HERE.

Nicholson & Co. have leased for a term of years 725 to 727 East 133rd street, one story brick buildings, on lot 75x100, to the Wood Hydraulic Hoist and Body Company of Detroit for its New York branch factory for making automobile bodies.

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(South of Fourteenth street.)

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